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Art Unit 1625

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In re Application of:)	Appln. No.: 09/769,107
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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING)	
ALPHA-SULFONYL HYDROXAMIC)	Paper No.: 7
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed January 3, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application pursuant to the following instructions and consider the remarks in a favorable light.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner has kindly pointed out that the status of copending Application No. 09/492,975 should be updated in the specification. The prior application was converted by petition to a provisional application and assigned Application No. 60/266,312. In accordance with the revised amendment format illustrated in the February 25, 2003 Official Gazette and the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a replacement paragraph marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version is presented to clarify and update the serial number of the provisional application referenced in the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification and begins on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of the document, if desired by the Office.

The Examiner mistakenly identified Claim 39 as a compound claim when Applicants intended a method claim. To make this intent clear, the amendment inserts the word of into the first line of the claim. Its omission from the claim was an inadvertent typographical or clerical error. Other minor typographical or clerical errors in the claims are also corrected. Due to the length of the text of all pending claims, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference.

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